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The following is a summary of information on Soviet-occupied airfields and air activities received prior to 12 July:

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1. General:

The units of the 24th Air Army were engaged in intensive air activity throughout the period covered by this report. The arrival of a new air unit at Welsow airfield is indicated by rail shipments to the airfield. The parking of aircraft, as customary during maneuvers, ended on 4 July.

2. Aircraft Count:

Brandenburg-Briest:	18 MiG-15's on 4 July.
Brandenburg-Industriehafen:	37 IL-10's on 5 July.
Brandis:	49 MiG-15's and 6 MiG-17's on 7 July.
Briesen:	49 IL-28's on 5 July.
Gars:	No aircraft on 3 July.
Gross Doella:	27 IL-28's on 2 July.
Grossenhain:	No aircraft on 2 July.
Keethen:	36 MiG-15's on 4 July.
Neuruppin:	24 MiG-15's, 8 MiG-17's, 4 Yak-11's, 1 IL-28, and 4 PO-2's on 6 July.
Oranienburg:	38 IL-28's on 4 July.
Rechlin-Laers:	23 MiG-15's on 17 June.
Scheenefeld:	14 IL-2's and six commercial aircraft on 5 July.
Schoenwalde:	6 PO-2's on 4 July.
Stendal:	28 IL-10's on 1 July.

3. Air Activity:

- a. Aircraft stationed in Briesen engaged in intensive night flying. MiG-15's practiced attacks on IL-28's over Neuruppin.
- b. Individual flight training with MiG-15's continued at Brandenburg-Briest.¹

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4. Anti-Aircraft Shipments:

- a. The anti-aircraft unit which had arrived at the Sachsenhausen camp on 29 and 30 May was transferred to Oranienburg on 9 June. The men of the unit were quartered in tents while billets were being constructed.
- b. In early July, an anti-aircraft unit was shipped from Werneuchen to Neubuckow in a train consisting of 12 converted boxcars, five boxcars and 26 flatcars.

5. Radar:

A second taken radar installation has been located at Mersburg airfield since early June. On 6 July, the taken previously located near Sommerfelde (Finow) had not yet been re-established.

6. Construction Projects:

A train composed of three converted boxcars, three boxcars and 37 flatcars was dispatched from Gress Doella to Allstedt on 2 July. The shipment probably involved the transfer of the Soviet construction unit. All uprooting work at the Allstedt airfield construction site was completed in early July. Grading for concrete lanes has been started.

7. Air Force Shipments:

- a. To Welsow: On 5 July, a train with 36 trucks, a repair shop, tank trucks and eight boxcars with air force personnel passed through Frankfurt/Oder enroute from Brest-Litovsk to Welsow. A train of similar composition preceded from Brest-Litovsk to an unidentified destination in East Germany on 8 July.²
- b. To Brandis: Several small shipments with tractors and trucks have gone to and from Brandis airfield since early April. [redacted] Similar shipments, involving [redacted] had previously been observed at Dresden-Klotzsche. A technical unit had arrived in Brandis from an undetermined location on 26 March.³ 25X1
8. At about 1545 hours on 18 June, a MiG-15 crashed near Peenemuende airfield. Two pilots parachuted safely from the plane. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment: The ground attack regiment in Brandenburg-Briest has been re-training on MiG-15's for more than a year. Take-off and landing practices indicate that new pilots are being trained. These trainees may possibly be pilots of Ground Attack Division Brandenburg still flying IL-10's. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment: It is assumed that the second train was also destined for Welsow. The composition of the trains indicates the shipment of an airfield supply unit. The arrival of an air unit at Welsow may be anticipated. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment: These observations indicate the transfer of the motor vehicle repair unit of the 24th Air Army from Dresden-Klotzsche to Brandis. [redacted] 25X1

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